

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 1/8/15

PRESENT Co-Chair Juli Brazile; Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Ellen Callaway, Karen Einstein, Secretary Pete Howard

MINUTES of 12/4/14 voted approved as printed. Unanimous

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Charlotte discussed her monthly report (Ref 1). The total trash is creeping up but recycling and yard waste are also increasing slightly. Charlotte would prefer to use Tons/Household/Year of trash as the metric since that is used by the DEP but will continue to use tons for continuity. She has decided not to do the audit until spring. She is collecting dumpster data.

The DPW Director Mike Rademacher will attend the next meeting. Juli presented an outline of the points we would like to discuss with him (Ref 2). The committee reviewed her outline point by point. Gordon explained how he developed a guestimate of the number of tons diverted if maximum number of barrels reduced to 2 based on the V2020 Survey responses of several years ago (first year current barrel/recycling restrictions in place). Charlotte will have an estimate on the diversion associated with recycling some bulky items before the next meeting.

UPDATES

Business Recycling: Juli reported that the hauler survey responses will be available next week.

FinCom Presentation: If the ARC is asked to justify its budget, Gordon has developed a script (Ref 3) which he walked the committee through to general approval. If requested, Juli will provide details on the budget. The committee will not be disappointed if the FinCom does not request a hearing on this budget.

EcoFest - March 7

Pete described a suggested table top display (Ref 4) for the ARC booth. It would be a series of questions concerning how much energy is saved by recycling a particular item. There would be several possible answers, each with a button. When the button for the right answer is pressed, a visual & audio alarm would sound. The committee was excited about his proposal and encouraged him to proceed!

SPRING EVENTS (not discussed)

Jan 31 (tentative) Training for volunteer recruiting. Sponsored by Sustainable Arlington (and Vision 2020 overall) and facilitated by True Story Theater.

Apr 16 Art Show Reception. Art should be hung much earlier in March before EcoFest. Ellen is trading off high quality print paper vs recyclable print paper. A bartender will be required (\$\$) if we want wine & beer.

May 9 Community Collection Day

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES (not discussed):

Advocate Articles: Larry: See something, Say something

[12/01/14]

Gordon, 2014 Summary article/Collaborative composting

[01/01/15]

Erika: Life Cycle Issues

[Date TBD]

NEXT MEETING 2/5- Meetings held 1st Thursday monthly at 7:30 PM in Town Hall Annex 1st Floor

Ref 1 Coordinator's Report

Ref 2 Trash Reduction Options

Ref 3 FinCom Presentation Script

Ref 4 EcoFest Display Concept